

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

ROBERT GRIMM,	)	CASE NO. 1:09 CV 2745
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO
	)	
v.	)	
	)	<u>MEMORANDUM OF OPINION</u>
BEVERLY LAMPP, aka BEVERLY GRIMM,	)	<u>AND ORDER</u>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On November 23, 2009, plaintiff pro se Robert Grim filed this action against his former spouse, Beverly Lampp. The complaint states the parties were divorced in Connecticut, and that an order for lump sum alimony and attorney fees was issued by a Connecticut court in 2006. It is further alleged that the Connecticut court ordered Lampp to transfer title of a house in Highland Heights, Ohio. At some point, Lampp filed an action in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court seeking interest on monies claimed she was owed by Grimm based on a 2003 Connecticut court order. Grimm claims Lampp and her attorney knew that the interest claim lacked merit. Plaintiff asserts this court has jurisdiction "over a violation of my Constitutional Rights, Article IV, § 1, and USC title 28 section 1738."

There is no basis for subject matter jurisdiction in this court. Lampp's alleged actions were not, by their very nature, taken under "color of state law" for purposes of a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Further, 28 U.S.C. § 1738 does not confer federal jurisdiction over state court matters, and federal courts simply do not have jurisdiction over essentially domestic relations disputes. *McLaughlin v. Cotner*, 193 F.3d 410, 412 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999)

Accordingly, this action is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/Christopher A. Boyko  
CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

December 18, 2009